

Dear Chairman Powell,

Please do not loosen the rules for media ownership on Monday June 2, in fact I believe you should tighten them. I oppose the ownership of multiple TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers over many localities by one individual or corporation because I believe that it seriously endangers local autonomy and freedom of the press, both guaranteed by the Constitution, by placing an inherent form of prior restraint on reporters. Any reasons in favor of further relaxing the ownership rules (which are already too lax) pale in comparison. I consider this a vital issue and it will figure most strongly in forming my choices in the 2004 elections.

Sincerely,

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